

CLAIMS

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1. A grip adapted for attachment to an implement including a handle, comprising:

5 a longitudinally extending tubular shell including an inner surface shaped and dimensioned for attachment to the handle of the implement and an outer surface; and

a viscoelastic hand surface secured about the outer surface of the tubular shell.

2. A grip according to claim 1, wherein the tubular shell includes a first end and a second end, and the tubular shell includes a outwardly extending first lip adjacent the first end of the tubular shell and a outwardly extending second lip adjacent the second end of the tubular shell, the first and second lips acting to retain the viscoelastic hand surface in position on the tubular shell.

3. A grip according to claim 2, wherein the first lip extends about the circumference of the tubular shell adjacent the first end of the tubular shell and the second lip extends about the circumference of the tubular shell adjacent the second end of the tubular shell.

4. A grip according to claim 1, wherein the viscoelastic hand surface is a viscoelastic solid-phase polymer material.

5. A grip according to claim 4, wherein the viscoelastic solid phase polymer material is a thermoplastic elastomer.

6. A grip according to claim 1, wherein the viscoelastic hand surface is a viscous liquid material contained within an elastomeric bag.

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7. A grip according to claim 6, wherein the viscoelastic liquid material is a silicone gel or silicone oil.

8. A grip according to claim 1, wherein the tubular shell is a soft elastomer.

9. A grip according to claim 1, wherein the grip is shaped and dimensioned for use as a golf club grip.

10. A grip according to claim 9, wherein the tubular shell is substantially cylindrical shaped with a slight taper.

11. A grip according to claim 10, wherein the tubular shell includes a first end and a second end, and the tubular shell includes an outwardly extending first lip adjacent the first end of the tubular shell and an outwardly extending second lip adjacent the second end of the tubular shell, the first and second lips acting to retain the viscoelastic hand surface in position on the tubular shell.

12. A grip according to claim 9, wherein the viscoelastic hand surface is a viscoelastic solid-phase polymer material.

13. A grip according to claim 9, wherein the viscoelastic hand surface is a viscous liquid material contained within an elastomeric bag.

14. A grip according to claim 9, wherein the tubular shell is a soft elastomer.

15. A grip adapted for attachment to an implement including a handle, consisting essentially of:

a longitudinally extending tubular shell including an inner surface shaped and dimensioned for attachment to the handle of the implement and an outer surface shaped and dimensioned to be gripped by an individual, wherein the longitudinally extending tubular shell is made from a viscoelastic solid-phase polymer material.

16. The grip according claim 15, wherein the viscoelastic solid-phase polymer material is a thermoplastic elastomer.

17. The grip according claim 15, wherein the longitudinally extending tubular shell is shaped and dimensioned for use as a golf club grip.

18. A grip adapted for attachment to an implement including a handle, comprising:

a longitudinally extending strip of a viscoelastic solid-phase polymer material having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end is cut at an oblique angle to facilitate attachment of the strip to the handle of the implement;

wherein the strip is of a length sufficient to be wrapped about the handle of the implement to act as a grip for the implement.

19. The grip according claim 18, wherein the viscoelastic solid-phase polymer material is a thermoplastic elastomer.

20. The grip according claim 18, wherein the longitudinally
5 extending strip is shaped and dimensioned for use as a golf club
grip.

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